Point of order *re*: admissibility of a question.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Sir, I rise on a point of order. I had sent the following question:—

"Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table of the House a statement showing the extent of Sirkar, waste, and Poramboke, reserved forest and forest exclusions assigned to (1) the Valiathampuran Kovilagam (2) the Ammathampuran Kovilagam (3) Members of the Ruling family and (4) their consorts during the last ten years;

"Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have under considera.ion at present any proposal or proposals to assign such lands to any or all of the four mentioned above.

"Will the Government be pleased to give details of such proposals".

Now this question was disallowed. According to the precedents of this House, questions of this nature used to be answered. Then again, suppose I had put a question asking to furnish the names of persons to whom lands had been assigned during the last 10 years, then I am sure the question will be fully answered. When I asked a plain question Government are not prepared to answer. If I asked the question in a different form they would have given the answer. So I want to know why this question was not admitted.

President.—The Member is out of order. When once your question is disallowed, you cannot discuss about it here.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—This is a point of order. I am simply speaking facts. I am not discussing about the ruling of the President. I want a ruling from the President whether such questions can be asked or not.

President.—The Member's attention is invited to rule 12—'No discussion in the Council shall be permitted in respect of any order of the President. We shall proceed to the next item.

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